

Remarks

Claims 1-12 were rejected under §112, second paragraph. In view of this, the Examiner did not determine whether the claims are patentable. The claims have been amended as to form and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and an indication that the claims are patentable are respectfully requested.

When amending the claims each of the criticisms in the Official Action was carefully considered. For example, claim 1 has been amended to delete reference to the nth frequency division and clock selection means. It is not believed that these nth means are needed for patentability. The term "corresponding" has been removed. Amended claim 1 is sufficiently clear for one of skill in the art to understand the claim after having read the disclosure. The Official Action misstates the limitations of claim 1. Claim 1 does not state that the first divider "only" outputs the clock signals. The first frequency division means generates first and second clock signals. As explained in the specification (and as shown by the dashed lines in Figure 1), the reference clock signals pass through the frequency division means without change. By way of further example, the definition of "p" in claim 12 has been clarified so that this claim is also believed to be sufficiently clear. The independent claims have been further amended to

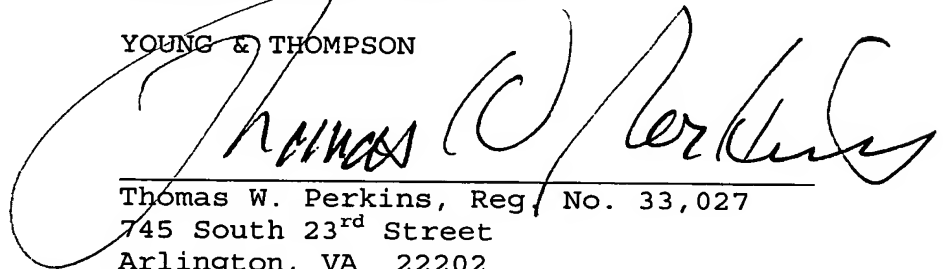
delete reference to the specific number by which a reference clock is divided (i.e., "by 2" has been deleted) and to delete the number of degrees out of phase (i.e., "180°" has been deleted). The amended claims are not believed to be misdescriptive since "p" has been clarified in claim 12 and "third through sixth" clock signals and pulses have been substituted for the formulas in claim 1.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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